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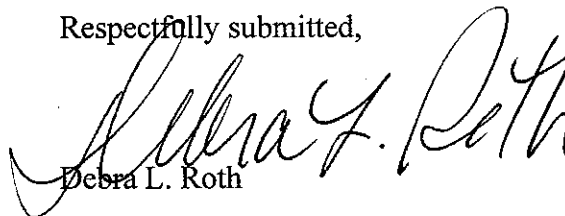
The Honorable Steven M. Gold
Chief United States Magistrate Judge
United States District Court
Eastern District of New York
225 Cadman Plaza East
Brooklyn, New York 11201

Re: **Turkmen, et al. v. Ashcroft, et al.**
Docket No. 02-CV-2307 (JG)(SMG)

Dear Chief Judge Gold:

On behalf of Defendant James Sherman, we seek leave to file this pre-motion letter in which we state our intent to join Defendant former Attorney General John Ashcroft's November 16, 2009 letter in response to Plaintiffs' November 2, 2009 request for a pre-motion conference.

Respectfully submitted,



Debra L. Roth